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hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, the first and second polymer components being present in a ratio in the range of about 1:100 to about 100:1 by weight, the polymer components being effective for controlled release of said pharmaceutically active substance from said composition.

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28. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutically active substance is selected from the group consisting of nifedipine, glipizide, diltiazem hydrochloride, bupropion, buspirone hydrochloride, tramadol hydrochloride and verapamil HCl.

Please add the following claim 30:

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--30. (NEW) A controlled release pharmaceutical composition comprising:

- (a) at least one pharmaceutically active substance having a water contact angle  $\theta$  such that  $\cos \theta$  is between +0.9848 and -0.9848;
- (b) a first intelligent polymer component comprising ethylcellulose; and
- (c) a second intelligent polymer component having opposite wettability characteristics to said first intelligent polymer component, said second intelligent polymer component comprising hydroxyethylcellulose, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, or a mixture of hydroxyethylcellulose and hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, the first and second polymer components being present in a ratio in the range of about 1:100 to about 100:1 by weight, the polymer components being effective for controlled release of said pharmaceutically active substance from said composition;

wherein components (a), (b) and (c) are formulated as a homogeneous matrix and said composition has a moisture content of less than 3%.